[English]

Special Courts to deal with Tax Matters.

1401. SHRI ANNA JOSHI:
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of direct and indirect taxes recovered during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the amount held up in disputes relating to these taxes;

(c) the number of court cases pending in this regard for the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up special courts to deal with matters relating to taxes;

(e) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The amount of Direct and Indirect taxes collections during the last three years were as follows:-

(Rs. in Crores)

	(Direct Tax)	*(Indirect Tax)*
1988-89	8825.14	34646.00
1989-90	9984.47	40442.00
1990-91	11012.59	40924.00

(b) and (c). The amount held up in respect of Direct Taxes as on 31.3.91 is Rs. 1680 crores.

The number of pending Court cases in respect of Direct Taxes is as follows:-

	High Courts	*Supreme Court*
1987-88	33494	2818
1988-89	31939	2751
1989-90	35349	3482

Information regarding Indirect Taxes is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) to (f). A proposal is under consideration to set up Tribunals for direct and indirect taxes.

IMF Office in New Delhi

1402. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an office of International Monetary Fund has started functioning in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the purpose for which the office has been established;

(c) the officials who would man this office:

(d) whether prior consultations with officials of IMF posted in New Delhi office would be required before taking major economic decisions having fiscal implications; and

(e) if so, whether it would not amount to interference in the free economic functioning of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir. A Resident Representative Office has started functioning in New Delhi from November 1, 1991.

(b) The purpose of the Office is to enhance and improve understanding between the IMF and the Government of India.

(c) Two officials of the IMF will man this office.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Software Export

1403. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of export of software during the last one year;

(b) the Companies engaged in export of software and accounting for more than 2 per cent of overall software export with their contribution to foreign exchange;

(c) whether the Government propose to give adequate incentives to such exporters at par with others; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHILAMBALAM): (a) The export during the year 1990-91 was Rs. 250 crores.

(b) The following companies are accounting for more than 2% of overall software exports:

Name of the Co.	*Export in 1990-91 (Rs. Crores).*
Tata Consultancy Services	75.00
Tata Unisys Ltd.	28.50
Citicorp Overseas Software Ltd.	10.67
Digital Equipment (India) Ltd.	9.13
PSI Data Systems	8.59